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FIG. 1.

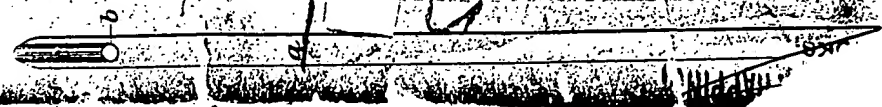


FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.



FIG. 3.



FIG. 4.



FIG. 5.



FIG. 6.

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A.D. 1866, 9th FEBRUARY. N° 413.

Fish Hooks.

LETTERS PATENT to Joseph Warner, of Redditch, in the County of Worcester, Fish Hook and Needle Manufacturer, for the Invention of "IMPROVEMENTS IN FISH HOOKS."

Sealed the 31st July 1866, and dated the 9th February 1866.

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said Joseph Warner at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 9th February 1866.

I, JOSEPH WARNER, of Redditch, in the County of Worcester, Fish Hook and Needle Manufacturer, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "IMPROVEMENTS IN FISH HOOKS," to be as follows:—

My Invention consists of the improvements herein-after described in fish hooks, whereby the gut is attached more securely and readily to the shanks of the hooks than to fish hooks of the ordinary construction. By constructing fish hooks according to my Invention the gut is also attached without whipping, and a very neat connection effected.

In fish hooks as ordinarily constructed the gut is fastened either to a loop at the extreme end of the shank or to a plain shank by whipping, that is to say, by coiling a thread around the gut and shank of the fish hook.

In constructing fish hooks according to my Invention I make an eye similar to the eye of a needle near the end of the shank of the hook, opening into a depression or groove made in the shank, made according to my said depressions or grooves drawn to a large scale in order the better to

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described are of such a size and depth that they readily
 gut to be fastened to the hook. In fastening the gut to a fish
 hook of this construction the end of the gut is passed through the eye and
 tied round the shank one or more times as may be necessary, and finally tied
 to the gut at the top of the shank, the gut occupying the grooves or depressions
 on the sides of the shank. A very neat and secure junction of the gut to the
 hook is thus made. Although a much neater connection of the gut with the
 hook is made where the eye opens into grooves as described, yet the said
 grooves may be dispensed with, and the gut connected with the hook by an
 ordinary knot. In this case the eye is made nearer the top of the shank than
 when the grooves are employed. The eyes in the shanks of the fish hooks
 may be stamped or pierced therein, and the said eyes, as well as the grooves,
 or depressions starting from the said eyes, may be of various sizes and shapes.

My Invention is applicable to fish hooks of various kinds.

SPECIFICATION in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed
 by the said Joseph Warner in the Great Seal Patent Office on the
 3rd August 1866.

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOSEPH
 WARNER, of Redditch, in the County of Worcester, Fish Hook and Needle
 Manufacturer, send greeting.**

WHEREAS Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters
 Patent, bearing date the Ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord One
 thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in the twenty-ninth year of Her reign,
 did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the
 said Joseph Warner, Her special licence that I, the said Joseph Warner, 2
 my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said
 Joseph Warner, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any
 time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times there-
 after during the term therein expressed, should and lawfully might make,
 use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
 Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for "**IMPROVE-
 MENTS IN FISH HOOKS,**" upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said
 Joseph Warner, my executors or administrators, by an instrument in writing
 signed by me, or one of their hands and seals, should particularly
 describe the said Invention, and in what manner
 the same was to be filed in the Great

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fish Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the
and date of the said Letters Patent.

ties NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said Joseph Warner, do hereby declare
ons the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be
the performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following
the statement thereof, that is to say:—

aid My Invention consists of the improvements herein-after described in fish
an hooks, whereby the gut or other material is attached more securely and
ian readily to the shanks of the hooks than to fish hooks of the ordinary con-
oks struction. By constructing fish hooks according to my Invention the gut or
res other material is also attached without whipping, and a very neat connection
es effected.

In fish hooks as ordinarily constructed the gut is fastened either to a loop
at the extreme end of the shank or to a plain shank by whipping, that is to say,
y coiling a thread around the gut and shank of the fish hook.

In constructing fish hooks according to my Invention I make an eye similar
ed to the eye of a needle near the end of the shank of the hook, the said eye
be opening into a depression or groove made at opposite sides of the shank, the
aid depressions or grooves passing from the eye to the top of the shank. The
grooves or depressions described are of such a size and depth that they readily
receive the gut to be fastened to the hook. In fastening the gut to a fish
hook of this construction the end of the gut is passed through the eye and tied
round the shank one or more times as may be necessary, and finally tied to
the gut at the top of the shank, the gut occupying the grooves or depressions
on the sides of the shank. A very neat and secure junction of the gut to the
hook is thus made. Although a much neater connection of the gut with the
hook is made when the eye opens into grooves as described, yet the said
d grooves may be dispensed with, and the gut connected with the hook by an
ordinary knot. In this case the eye is made nearer the top of the shank than
when the grooves are employed. The eyes in the shanks of fish hooks
may be stamped or pierced therein, and the said eyes, as well as the grooves
or depressions starting from the said eyes, may be of various sizes and shapes.

My Invention is applicable to fish hooks of all kinds and sizes.

Having explained the nature of my Invention, I will proceed to describe
with reference to the accompanying Drawing the manner in which the same
is to be performed.

Figure 1 represents an elevation of a fish hook made according to my
Invention, the said hook being drawn to a large scale in order the better to

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exhibit the construction of the said hook, and Figure 2 is a section of a portion of the shank of the hook; Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the manner in which the gut is fastened to the shank of the hook.

a is the shank of the fish hook, near the end of which is an eye *b*, the said eye opening into depressions or grooves *c, c*, made at opposite sides of the 5 shank *a*, and passing from the eye *b* to the top of the shank, as represented in the Drawing. These depressions or grooves *c, c*, are of a size and shape proper to receive the gut *d* to be fastened to the shank of the hook, as represented in Figures 3 and 4. In fastening the gut *d* to the hook the end of the gut is passed through the eye *b* and tied at the said eye; the gut is then carried up the side grooves or depressions *c, c*, and again tied at *c*, and finally tied above the top of the shank, as will be understood by an examination of Figures 3 and 4. The gut *d* is thus securely fastened to the shank of the hook without whipping, and a neat connection made. Instead of making grooves or depressions *c, c*, in the shank, so that one of them is presented to 1 the barb of the hook, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, the said grooves or depressions may be made at right angles to those represented in Figures 1 and 2, as illustrated in Figure 5, where the eye is marked *b* and one of the grooves or depressions *c*.

Figure 6 represents the upper part of the shank of a fish hook constructed 20 according to my Invention, in which an eye only (or an eye with short grooves or depressions) is employed, and Figures 7 and 8 illustrate the manner in which the gut is fastened to the said shank. The eye is marked *f*, and the twisted or doubled gut fastened to the shank by the said eye is marked *g*. In fastening the gut *g* to the hook the gut is passed through the eye and tied at 25 the said eye, and also above the end of the shank, in the manner represented in Figures 7 and 8. I prefer to apply the eye and depressions represented in Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to small fish hooks, and the eye Figures 6, 7, and 8 to large fish hooks, but either of the methods described may be applied to various sized hooks and to hooks of various kinds.

Having now described the nature of my Invention, and the manner in which the same is to be performed, I wish it to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details herein described and illustrated in the Drawing, as the same may be varied without departing from the nature of my Invention; but I claim as my Invention the improvements in fish hooks herein-before described and illustrated in the accompanying Drawing, that is to say, making at or near the end of the shank of the fish hook an eye (by stamping or piercing through the wire), either with side grooves or depressions, into which the said

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opens, or without side grooves or depressions, substantially as described and illustrated, by means of which eye, or eye and grooves or depressions, the gut or other material is securely and readily attached to the shank.

In witness whereof, I, the said Joseph Warner, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this First day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

JOSEPH WARNER. (L.S.)

Witness,

WILLIAM JAMES,
Redditch.

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